## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
	: Examiner: D. K. Handy
JUNTA YAMAMICHI	)
	: Group Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 10/554,219	)
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated May 11, 2010, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.